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SUBJ: TANZANIA CONDEMNS US INDIAN OCEAN TASK FORCE

1. SUMMARY TAN. GOV. MADE OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON OCTOBER 30
IN WHICH IT OPPOSED US INDIAN OCEAN TASKS FORCE. TEXT FOLLOWS.
END SUMMARY.

2. QUOTE: TANZANIA HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY DISMAYED BY NEWS THAT
US HAS DISPATCHED NAVAL TASKS FORCE TO INDIAN OCEAN ON PRETEXT
THAT SOVIET UNION HAS INCREASED ITS FLEET IN MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WHICH IS BASED ON ANNOUNCEMENT
OF YESTERDAY BY PENTAGON AND WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED BY VOA AND
OTHRER AGENCIES, U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRIER HANCOCK ACCOMPANIED BY
FIVE DESTROYERS WAS ON ITS WAY TO INDIAN OCEAN FROM ITS NORMAL
STATION WITH US SEVENTH FLEET IN WESTERN PACIFIC. FOR FIRST
TIME, THEREFORE, BIG POWER MILITARY CONFRONTATION IS BEING
INTRODUCED INTO INDIAN OCEAN FOR NO FAULT OF COUNTRIES SURROUND-
ING INDIAN OCEAN. THIS OF COURSE MUST BE REGRETTEED.

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TANZANIA WISHES TO STATE ITS UNCOMPROMISING OPPOSITION

TO THIS NEW ACTION OF INTRODUCING COLD WAR RIVALRY INTO ZONE WHICH HAS BEEN HITHERTO FREE FROM SUCH BIG POWER HEGEMONY.

INDIAN OCEAN HAS BEEN DECLARED ZONE OF PEACE BY WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. EVER SINCE OAU WAS FORMED AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME CONDEMNED ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES, NAVAL SHIPS AND OTHER WEAPONS IN INDIAN OCEAN. IN CONTEXT OF GREAT POWER POLITICS SUCH BASES AND WEAPONS ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO INDEPENDENCE OF AFRICAN STATES; AND THEY WILL CERTAINLY HAVE REACTIONARY INFLUENCE ON PROGRESS OF STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF THOSE COUNTRIES IN AFRICA WHICH ARE STILL UNDER COLONIAL AND RACIST OPPRESSION. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT EVEN AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCES ANGLO-SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY AND NAVAL AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN OPPOSED. FOLLOWING DECISION OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AT THEIR SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN LUSAKA 1970, QUESTION WAS FORWARDED TO UNGA'S 26TH SESSION WHICH ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2832 DECLARING INDIAN OCEAN AS PEACE ZONE, IT IS QUITE EVIDENT THAT US ACTION IN DISPATCHING NAVY VESSELS AND OTHER WEAPONS TO INDIAN OCEAN IS FLAGRANT CONTRAVENTION OF U.N. RESOLUTION.

SECONDLY, THIS ACTION IS NOT ISOLATED INCIDENT. SUPER POWERS ARE USED TO DISREGARDING INTERESTS OF SMALL NATIONS PARTICULARLY THIRD WORLD. OF LATE THEY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT EAST-WEST DETENTE. NOW THEY ARE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS ON MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTION IN EUROPE. AIRCRAFT CARRIER WAS DISPATCHED TO INDIAN OCEAN PRECISELY WHEN 17-NATION EAST-WEST CONFERENCE WAS BEGINNING IN GENEVA. HENCE, PEACE TO THESE POWERS IS PEACE IN EUROPE AND AMERICA. THIS KIND OF ATTITUDE IS HIGHLY RESENTED BY COUNTRIES OF THIRD WORLD WHO WOULD NOT WISH THEIR AREAS BEING INVOLVED IN MILITARY RIVALRY.

THIRD, WE OPPOSE THIS ACTION ALSO BECAUSE OF UNACCEPTABLE REASON ADVANCED BY US AUTHORITIES. IF RUSSIANS INCREASE THEIR FLEET IN MEDITERRANEAN THEN AMERICANS MUST INCREASE THEIRS IN INDIAN OCEAN. CAN AMERICANS USE THE SAME ARGUMENT TO SEND AIRCRAFT CARRIERS TO BALTIC SEA? HAVE AMERICANS ANY RESPECT FOR SECURITY OF INDIA, SRI LANK, PAKISTAN, SOMALI, KENYA AND TANZANIA TO MENTION ONLY FEW LITTEAL COUNTRIES? ONE CAN ONLY GUESS THAT THESE MUST BE SOME OF REPERCUSSIONS OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS.

TAN. GOV. WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS PROFOUND REGRET THAT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE OUR INDEPENDENCE, COLD WAR CONFRONTATION HAS

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BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR DOOR. IT HAS BEEN AND STILL IS OUR FIRM CONVICTION THAT INDIAN OCEAN BE RESPECTED AS ZONE OF PEACE. WHILE WE THERFORE ASK OTHER PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES TO JOIN US IN THIS NOBLE OBJECTIVE OF KEEPING INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE, IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT US WILL RESPECT U.N. DECISION AND WITHDRAW FROM INDIAN OCEAN. UNQUOTE

3. OCTOBER 31 GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS AND TANU-OWNED

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